

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph [0027] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0027] The lock assembly 16 is disposed generally within the spaces [[24]] 34, 50 of the upper and lower housings 12, 14, and includes a cross-member 52, a lock lever 54, and a lock spring 56. The cross-member 52 is a generally elongate cylindrical member extending within interior space 24 of the upper housing 12 generally between the first and second flanges 20, 22 and includes a pair of flats 53 and a recess 55. The cross-member 52 is rotatably received by attachment apertures 26, 30 of flanges 20, 22 and is fixably received by attachment apertures 44, 45 of the lower housing 14. In this manner, the upper housing 12 rotates about the cross-member 52 relative to the lower housing 14 while the cross-member 52 is restricted from rotating relative to the lower housing 14 due to the interaction between flats 53 and attachment aperture 44. In addition, the cross-member 52 includes a spring seat 58 at a first end and a recess 60 at a second end, as best shown in FIGS. 2A and 2B. The spring seat 58 extends from an outer surface of the first flange 38 and is operable to receive a coil spring 62. The recess 60 extends from an outer surface of the second flange 40 and is operable to receive a lock washer 64 to secure the cross-member 52 to the lower housing 14.

Please replace Paragraph [0031] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0031] The lock spring 56 is operable to lock the upper housing ~~[[14]]~~ 12 relative to the lower housing 14 and includes a generally coiled main body 86 and a first and second leg 87, 88 extending therefrom. The first leg 87 is fixably attached to the main body 66 of the lock lever 54 at the slot 73 such that as the lock lever 54 rotates, the coil 86 of the lock spring 56 will concurrently rotate therewith. The second leg 88 is fixably received by a spring post 90 of the upper housing 12 such that the second leg 88 is fixed relative to the upper housing 12, as best shown in FIG. 3. The spring post 90 is fixedly received through attachment aperture 32 of the second flange 22 and serves to fix the leg 88 relative to the upper housing 12 such that the leg 88 is restricted from moving relative thereto. Specifically, the spring post 90 includes a slot 91 operable to matingly receive the second leg 88 of the lock spring 56 to restrict rotation of the second leg 88 relative to the upper housing 12.

Please replace Paragraph [0033] with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0033] Once the lock spring 56 grasps the outer diameter of the cross-member 52, the lock spring 56 is fixed to the cross-member 52 and is restricted from rotating relative to the cross-member 52. In such a condition, the upper housing 12 is restricted from rotating relative to the lower housing 14 due to the interaction between the leg 88 of the lock spring 56 and the spring post 90 of the

upper housing 12. Specifically, because the spring post 90 is fixably attached to flange 22 of the upper housing 12 via spring aperture 32, the leg 88 is effectively fixed to the upper housing 12. When the circular main body 86 grasps the outer diameter of the cross-member 52, the spring 56 is restricted from rotating relative to the cross-member 52, as previously discussed. In this regard, because the leg 88 is fixably attached to the upper housing 12 via spring post 90, and because the circular main body 86 grasps the cross-member 52, the upper housing 12 is restricted from rotation relative to the lower housing 14, as will be discussed in further detail below.